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Acting on a suggestion of the A. L. A. Committee on Bookbinding, Charles Scribner's Sons have put in a reinforced binding a number of sets of their Universal Edition of Charles Dickens. The number of volumes in a set is 22, purchasable at \$22.00 net a set, or separately at \$1.00 a volume. The reinforced binding costs 10c extra per volume. The advantages of the edition are good type and paper, excellent illustrations, one novel to a volume, and small cost. The reinforcement is well done and meets with the approval of the Bookbinding Committee.

A. L. BAILEY, Chairman.

STECHERT EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR

F. C. Stechert & Co., Booksellers, 29-35 West 32nd St., New York, call attention to the omission of mention of their San Francisco exhibit in the handbook prepared for the Berkeley Conference by the local committee on things of particular interest to librarians at the Fair.

The exhibit of this company was in the German section of the Palace of Liberal Arts, and the underlying scheme was to show the books which are most likely to be found in German homes. They were arranged in groups to cover the various fields of literature, art, music and fiction. The exhibit was particularly attractive on account of the German weeklies and accounts of the war. A fuller notice appeared in "The Bookseller," May 1, 1915.

Doubtless many librarians who attended the conference found their way to the Stechert exhibit notwithstanding this accidental omission from the handbook of the local committee.

REGISTRATION OF PROPOSED
BIBLIOGRAPHIES

One of the things which the A. L. A. tries to emphasize is the necessity of eliminating all duplication of work. This goal is far from reached. The duplication of bibliographies on practically the same subjects shows this. It not infrequently happens that two good reading lists on the very same topic appear at about the same time. The compilers worked independently of each other, but the achieved result was about the same. Obviously fifty per cent of the energy could have been better devoted to some subject needed but not being covered by anyone.

Now if everybody about to compile a bibliography, large or small, would record the principal facts on a standard size catalog card and send this card to the A. L. A. Executive Office, Chicago, the secretary would make a file of all such. Then, before one undertakes to make a bibliography or reading list, he could ascertain by writing to the A. L. A. office whether he had a clear field or whether he could save his time by utilizing the work that somebody else was doing. Perhaps two persons contemplating making a list on the same subject could thus be put in touch with each other and extend valuable aid each to each, instead of needlessly duplicating the other's work. The secretary would regard any information as confidential, if so requested, and would only use it between the persons concerned.

This is part and parcel of the library sponsorship idea advocated by Mr. George Winthrop Lee in recent issues of the "Library Journal" and was itself suggested to the secretary by him.

LIBRARY TRAINING IN THE NORMAL
SCHOOLS

"A few persons learn at home the use of a library; a small number acquire the art from some library or under the suggestion or guidance of some librarian; a few pick up the art unaided; but all these constitute a small minority. The public schools get practically everybody; and it is to the pub-